

JAMES HOGAN, ALIAS JAMES HENNESSY.

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Mr. HURLEY, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 5701.]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, having had under consideration the bill (H. R. 5701) to remove the charge of desertion against James Hogan, recommend that the same do pass.

The records of the Navy Department show that Hogan enlisted in the Navy as a landsman, but that after a few months' service he was marked as a deserter August 20, 1865. It appears from affidavits of Hogan and others that Hogan had leave to go on shore; that he received word that his mother was very sick, and he went home to see her; that when he got ready to return to his vessel she had gone out of commission, the war having closed. Under the circumstances surrounding this case, the committee think that relief should be granted, no evidence appearing that Hogan intended to desert the service.